

Vote for Your Favorite Character!

(Passive Program)

Introduction

Librarians are very busy people so what's better than an easy program to go with an awesome book display? This program is designed to be simple, quick to set up and requires very little maintenance on the part of the librarian. In this program teens will be able to vote for their favorite vampire, werewolf or zombie. Included in this program are also directions for making a cute vampire lollipop station.

Table or Shelf Top Display

List of Supplies

- Table Cover
- Halloween Decorations
- Laminating Machine

The first part of this program is super easy! First, find a nice area in the library in which to set up a book display that will also have room for a poster and lollipop station. This may mean setting up a small table, however if space is not available for a table the top of a book shelf would do just as nicely. It may also be necessary to have the display within eye sight of the reference desk so that it can remain clean and orderly in appearance.

Second, make this display pop out! The best time to shop for this display is after Halloween when stores are having great sales on Halloween decorations. Add a black table cover, bats, webs, spiders, vampire teeth-the sky is the limit. Next add books to the display from the Books to Display and Book Talk list. Additionally, this list can be copied or shortened and/or included giveaways on the display.

And last of all let's not forget about the posters! Below are two examples of posters that are in pdf format and are ready to print. Both posters allow teens to write down their favorite character. One poster is specific to vampires, and the other poster could be used to for voting on vampires, werewolves, zombies, or angels. After the poster is laminated, patrons can write on it with Sharpie markers (which can be removed with Off mosquito repellent.)

Activity-Vampire Lollipop Station

List of Supplies

- Red cellophane
- Lollipops
- Black felt
- Twist ties

- White address labels
- Scissors
- Peel and stick wiggle eyes
- Pattern http://crafts.kaboose.com/vampire_lollipop.pdf

This is a wonderful project to have set up right beside your book display. Teens can make these vampire lollipops at their leisure. Directions, the pattern for the cape, and step by step pictures for project can be found at the following website: <http://crafts.kaboose.com/vampire-lollipops.html> . These lollipops were designed by Amanda Formaro.

At the lollipops station it is good idea to have a sign with the steps listed above as well as include the pictures with each step. Don't forget to have a picture of the completed Vampire Lollipops! The capes, fangs, and cellophane can be pre-cut ahead of time to help reduce mess. Finally, place the cellophane, capes, twist ties, fangs, and wiggle eyes in individual baskets in front of the display.

Incentives

Incentives are not necessary for this program to be a success; however, they could be used to help motivate teens to participate in the program. A prize could be given for the most original or unique character named. Things like fake vampire teeth, eyeballs, etc. could be used as incentives. Incentives like this can be found at www.orientaltrading.com. A popular donated book whose theme features vampires, werewolves, zombies, or angels would also be a nice choice as an incentive.

Program Posters

Download PDF files of posters

Teen Resources

Books

- *Teen Angel: True Stories of Teenage Experiences of Angels* by Glenyce S. Eckersley - This book looks at real life stories of teenagers and their encounters with angels.
- *Wanted Dead or Alive: Vampire Hunters and Other Kick-Ass Enemies of Evil* by Jonathan Mayberry - A guide that describes mankind's worst enemy.

Websites

- *Dracula* - <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/dracula/> - This website is an online companion to a Masterpiece television program based on the classic *Dracula*. The program focuses on Victorian era fear of sex and syphilis. The website also contains a nice bio on Bram Stoker and filmography of *Dracula*.

DVDs

- *Fear files. Zombies!* Produced by The History Channel: A&E Television Network - A documentary and history on the legends surrounding zombies.

Professional Resources

Books

- *A Catalogue of Angels: The Heavenly, the Fallen, and the Holy Ones Among Us* by Vinita Hampton Wright - The author of this books focuses on the topic of angels and how they are approached in the Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
- *How to Be A Zombie: The Essential Guide for Anyone Who Craves Brains* by Serena Valentino - This book discusses various aspects of zombie lore.
- *They Suck, They Bite, They Eat, They Kill: The Psychological Meaning of Supernatural Monsters in Young Adult Fiction* by Joni Richards Bodart - This book discusses the six monsters that show up in young adult literature the most: vampires, shapeshifters, zombies, unicorns, angels, and demons.
- *Vampires: A Field Guide to the Creatures that stalk the night* by Bob Curran - A book to help librarians get all their facts straight about vampire legends.
- *Werewolves: A Field Guide to shapeshifters, lycanthropes, and man-beasts* by Bob Curran - This book looks at the mythology surrounding the legend of werewolves.